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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PM RIFAI AND KING HUSSEIN --

SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO RIFAI FOR
KING HUSSEIN.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS JUST
FINISHED HIS MEETINGS IN GENEVA WITH FONMIN GROMYKO,
DURING WHICH THE MIDDLE EAST WAS DISCUSSED IN A GENERAL
WAY ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES.
THE MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF THE TALKS WAS ESSENTIALLY AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION SINCE OUR
POLICY REASSESSMENT IS CONTINUING. NO CONCLUSIONS
WERE REACHED OR DECISIONS MADE. MR. GROMYKO RESTATED
THE SOVIET VIEW THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO CONVENE THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO PROCEED
ON THE BASIS OF JOINT U.S.-SOVIET EFFORTS RATHER THAN
THROUGH EFFORTS OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE. SECRETARY
KISSINGER EXPLAINED THAT, HOWEVER, OUR CURRENT
EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER MOVE IN THE
STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS MAY DEVELOP, WE DO NOT SEE WHAT
MAY BE ACHIEVED AS BEING IN ISOLATION FROM THE NEED TO
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MAKE PROGRESS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM,

INCLUDING THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI ASPECT. THE SECRETARY
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH EACH
OTHER IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AHEAD WHEN THE RESULTS
OF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS AND OF OUR REASSESSMENT SHOULD
BECOME CLEARER, AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK WITH
GREATER CERTAINTY ABOUT HOW THE PEACE EFFORT MIGHT
PROCEED WHEN PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY
BREZHNEV MEET IN HELSINKI ON THE OCCASION OF THE
EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, PRESUMABLY IN THE LAST
DAYS OF JULY. OUR THOUGHTS SHOULD BEGIN TO CRYSTALLIZE,
IN DISCUSSION WITH THE PARTIES, ABOUT HOW BEST TO
MAKE PROGRESS IN THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS ON ALL FRONTS.
THE SECRETARY SENDS TO HIS MAJESTY AND TO PRIME
MINISTER RIFAI HIS WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. END MESSAGE.
KISSINGER

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